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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

*A1*  
49. (AMENDED) The femur fixture as claimed in claim 42, wherein said connecting section is at least partly provided with a smooth surface.

*A2*  
51. (AMENDED) The femur fixture as claimed in claim 42, wherein one or more self-tapping cutting recesses are provided at least in part on said connecting section.